

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-62

March 27, 2003

ST LONG DISTANCE, INC.  
Request to Abandon Service

AMENDED ORDER GRANTING  
AUTHORITY TO ABANDON  
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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On January 30, 2003, ST Long Distance, Inc. (STLD) filed a request to abandon service and its authority to provide service. STLD was granted authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 96-738 and local exchange service in Docket No. 98-131.<sup>1</sup> In an Order issued on March 12, 2003, we granted STLD's request to abandon service. We stated mistakenly, however, that STLD had no customers in Maine. STLD has informed the Commission of this mistake. In fact, as its application stated, STLD does have interexchange (but no local exchange) customers in Maine. It plans to transfer the interexchange customers to an affiliate, UI Long Distance, Inc. (UILD), which obtained authority to provide interexchange service on March 21, 2000 in Docket No. 2000-150 (resale) and on December 17, 2002 in Docket No. 2002-727 (facilities-based). UILD plans to provide service under the same d/b/a, Northland Long Distance, that has been used by STLD.

STLD states that it will provide notice to its customers of the transfer, and provided a copy of the notice, which we find is adequate. STLD also states that, under UILD's rate schedule, STLD's former customers will receive the same rates as they did from STLD.

Wherefore, we

**ORDER**

That the request, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104, by ST long Distance, Inc. (STLD) to abandon service is hereby granted, conditioned on STLD or UI Long Distance, Inc. (UILD), providing customers with the notice contained in STLD's application.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the error discussed below, the earlier Order mistakenly stated that STLD obtained authority to provide interexchange service in the latter docket number.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent  
Diamond

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